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ABINGDON AND FARINGDON DISTRICTS  
JOINT PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER  
OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR  
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-TWO



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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE  
ABINGDON AND FARINGDON DISTRICTS  
JOINT PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1972, including the statutory information required by the Department of Health and Social Security.

The estimated mid-year population of the Combined Districts increased by 1,330 to 71,470, that of Abingdon Borough by 650 to 19,740, Abingdon Rural by 580 to 37,170 and Faringdon Rural by 100 to 14,380. Twenty years ago in 1952 the population of the Combined Districts was 48,700. Abingdon Borough was 11,230, Abingdon Rural 23,820 and Faringdon Rural 13,650. Thus Abingdon Rural has the greatest increase in population over this period of 13,350, Abingdon Borough is next with 8,240, though it has the highest growth rate, and Faringdon Rural increased by 1,180.

The birth rate fell to 15.0 per thousand population compared with 15.1 in 1971, whilst that of England and Wales for 1972 was 14.8, the lowest figure for many years; the figure for 1971 being 16.0. The death rate for the Combined Districts was 10.1 per thousand population compared with 9.2 in 1971; for England and Wales the figures were 12.1 and 11.6 respectively. The pattern of the causes of death showed little change: ischaemic heart disease (coronary thrombosis) was responsible for 164 deaths compared with 132 in 1971, and cancer of the lung also rose slightly from 29 to 32. There were 31 deaths from pneumonia and 25 from bronchitis compared with 23 and 31 in 1971.

Notifications of infectious diseases decreased from 269 in 1971 to 111 in 1972. Most of this reduction was accounted for by the fall in measles notifications from 225 in 1971 to 60 in 1972.

I should like to thank the members of the Joint Public Health Committee and of the three District Councils and also the public health inspectors, whose constant efforts are reflected in the high standard of environmental health in the area.

Yours sincerely,

JOHN L. DAVIES,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

## VITAL STATISTICS

### AREA AND POPULATION

| District         | Area in Acres | Est. Mid 1972 | Inc. or Dec. on 1971 | Persons per Acre |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Abingdon Borough | 1,754         | 19,470        | + 650                | 11.1             |
| Abingdon Rural   | 41,185        | 37,170        | + 580                | 0.9              |
| Faringdon Rural  | 55,726        | 14,830        | + 100                | 0.3              |
| Total            | 98,665        | 71,470        | + 1330               | 0.7              |

### BIRTHS AND DEATHS

| District          | Live Births | Live Births 1971 | Birth Rate per 1,000 pop. | Deaths  | Deaths 1971 | Death Rate per 1,000 pop. |
|-------------------|-------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------|-------------|---------------------------|
| Abingdon Borough  | 365         | 355              | 17.2                      | 167     | 138         | 11.3                      |
| Abingdon Rural    | 481         | 508              | 13.2                      | 283     | 245         | 9.9                       |
| Faringdon Rural   | 249         | 243              | 16.6                      | 128     | 152         | 8.9                       |
| Total             | 1,095       | 1,106            | 15.0                      | 578     | 535         | 10.1                      |
| England and Wales | 725,405     | 783,165          | 14.8                      | 591,907 | 567,345     | 12.1                      |

The birth and death rates recorded in the tables are the corrected rates per 1,000 population which allow for differences between the age and sex structure of the local population and that of England and Wales.

This allows for comparison with the rates for other local authorities as well as with the national rates.

The area comparability factors by which the local rates are multiplied to give the corrected rates are as follows for the year 1972:

|        | Abingdon Borough | Abingdon Rural District | Faringdon Rural District |
|--------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Births | 0.92             | 1.02                    | 0.99                     |
| Deaths | 1.31             | 1.30                    | 1.04                     |

### ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS

|                    | Male | Female | Total | Per cent of Total Live Births |
|--------------------|------|--------|-------|-------------------------------|
| Abingdon Borough   | 9    | 5      | 14    | 4                             |
| Abingdon Rural     | 10   | 14     | 24    | 5                             |
| Faringdon Rural    | 7    | 9      | 16    | 6                             |
| Combined Districts | 26   | 28     | 54    | 5                             |
| England and Wales  | —    | —      | —     | 9                             |

## INFANT MORTALITY

(1971 figures in brackets)

| District          | Deaths of<br>Infants<br>under 1 year | Live<br>Births | Infant Mortality<br>per 1,000 Live<br>Births |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Abingdon Borough  | 4 (8)                                | 365 (355)      | 11 (23)                                      |
| Abingdon Rural    | 4 (9)                                | 481 (508)      | 8 (18)                                       |
| Faringdon Rural   | 3 (2)                                | 249 (243)      | 12 (8)                                       |
| Total             | 11 (19)                              | 1,095 (1,106)  | 10 (19)                                      |
| England and Wales | 12,494                               | 725,405        | 17 (18)                                      |

## STILL BIRTHS

(1972 figures in brackets)

| District          | Legitimate | Illegitimate | Total  | Per 1,000<br>Total Births |
|-------------------|------------|--------------|--------|---------------------------|
| Abingdon Borough  | 5 (5)      | — (—)        | 5 (5)  | 14 (14)                   |
| Abingdon Rural    | 2 (6)      | — (—)        | 2 (6)  | 4 (12)                    |
| Faringdon Rural   | — (6)      | — (—)        | — (6)  | — (24)                    |
| Total             | 7 (17)     | — (—)        | 7 (17) | 6 (17)                    |
| England and Wales | 7,846      | 948          | 8,794  | 12 (12)                   |

## MATERNAL MORTALITY

(including abortion)

There were no maternal deaths in any of the three districts.

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED

The following table gives the number of cases of infectious diseases notified during 1972 (with the 1971 figures in brackets).

| Diseases           | Abingdon<br>Borough | Abingdon<br>Rural | Faringdon<br>Rural | Total all<br>Districts |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Measles            | 17 (45)             | 43 (127)          | — (53)             | 60 (225)               |
| Scarlet Fever      | 2 (2)               | 2 (4)             | 2 (—)              | 6 (6)                  |
| Infective Jaundice | 3 (1)               | 7 (4)             | 2 (—)              | 12 (5)                 |
| T.B. (Pulm.)       | 9 (4)               | 10 (4)            | — (1)              | 19 (9)                 |
| T.B. (Non-Pulm.)   | 3 (—)               | 2 (1)             | 1 (—)              | 6 (1)                  |
| Whooping Cough     | — (5)               | 3 (4)             | — (—)              | 3 (9)                  |
| Dysentery          | — (3)               | — (—)             | — (1)              | — (4)                  |
| Food Poisoning     | 2 (1)               | 1 (3)             | — (5)              | 3 (9)                  |
| Meningitis         | 1 (—)               | — (—)             | — (1)              | 1 (1)                  |
| Leptospirosis      | — (—)               | — (—)             | 1 (—)              | 1 (—)                  |
| Ophth. Neonatorium | — (—)               | — (—)             | — (—)              | — (—)                  |
| Malaria            | — (—)               | 1 (—)             | — (—)              | — (—)                  |
| Totals             | 37 (61)             | 69 (147)          | 6 (61)             | 111 (269)              |

# CAUSES OF DEATH

|                                         | ABINGDON<br>BOROUGH |    |       | ABINGDON<br>RURAL |     |       |
|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|----|-------|-------------------|-----|-------|
|                                         | M                   | F  | Total | M                 | F   | Total |
| Meningococcal infection                 | —                   | —  | —     | —                 | —   | —     |
| Syphilis and its sequelae               | —                   | —  | —     | 1                 | —   | 1     |
| Other infective and parasitic diseases  | —                   | —  | —     | —                 | —   | —     |
| Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity, etc. | 2                   | —  | 2     | —                 | 1   | 1     |
| Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus          | 1                   | —  | 1     | 1                 | 1   | 2     |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach             | —                   | —  | —     | 4                 | —   | 4     |
| Malignant neoplasm, intestine           | 1                   | 2  | 3     | 2                 | 8   | 10    |
| Malignant neoplasm, larynx              | —                   | —  | —     | 1                 | —   | 1     |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus      | 6                   | 1  | 7     | 18                | 4   | 22    |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast              | —                   | 5  | 5     | —                 | 4   | 4     |
| Malignant neoplasm, uterus              | —                   | —  | —     | —                 | 1   | 1     |
| Malignant neoplasm, prostate            | 1                   | —  | 1     | 1                 | —   | 1     |
| Leukaemia                               | —                   | —  | —     | —                 | —   | —     |
| Other malignant neoplasms               | 6                   | 6  | 12    | 8                 | 8   | 16    |
| Diabetes mellitus                       | 1                   | 1  | 2     | —                 | 1   | 1     |
| Anaemias                                | —                   | —  | —     | —                 | 2   | 2     |
| Other diseases of blood                 | —                   | 1  | 1     | —                 | —   | —     |
| Mental disorders                        | —                   | —  | —     | 2                 | —   | 2     |
| Diseases of nervous system              | 1                   | 2  | 3     | 1                 | —   | 1     |
| Chronic rheumatic heart disease         | —                   | —  | —     | —                 | 1   | 1     |
| Hypertensive disease                    | 1                   | 1  | 2     | 2                 | 2   | 4     |
| Ischaemic heart disease                 | 25                  | 21 | 46    | 50                | 27  | 77    |
| Other forms of heart disease            | 5                   | 7  | 12    | 3                 | 6   | 9     |
| Cerebrovascular disease                 | 9                   | 10 | 19    | 11                | 24  | 35    |
| Other diseases of circulatory system    | 4                   | 5  | 9     | 10                | 12  | 22    |
| Influenza                               | —                   | 1  | 1     | —                 | —   | —     |
| Pneumonia                               | 2                   | 11 | 13    | 6                 | 7   | 13    |
| Bronchitis and emphysema                | 5                   | —  | 5     | 9                 | 4   | 13    |
| Other diseases of respiratory system    | 2                   | 2  | 4     | 3                 | —   | 3     |
| Peptic ulcer                            | 1                   | 1  | 2     | 1                 | 1   | 2     |
| Intestinal obstruction and hernia       | —                   | 1  | 1     | —                 | —   | —     |
| Other diseases of digestive system      | 1                   | 1  | 2     | 1                 | 5   | 6     |
| Nephritis and nephrosis                 | —                   | 1  | 1     | 1                 | —   | 1     |
| Other diseases, genito-urinary system   | —                   | —  | —     | 1                 | —   | 1     |
| Diseases of musculo-skeletal system     | 1                   | 1  | 2     | 1                 | 1   | 2     |
| Congenital anomalies                    | 1                   | —  | 1     | 1                 | —   | 1     |
| Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.    | 1                   | 1  | 2     | 2                 | —   | 2     |
| Other causes of perinatal mortality     | —                   | —  | —     | 1                 | —   | 1     |
| Symptoms and ill-defined conditions     | —                   | —  | —     | 1                 | 1   | 2     |
| Motor vehicle accidents                 | 1                   | —  | 1     | 5                 | 4   | 9     |
| All other accidents                     | 2                   | 4  | 6     | 3                 | 4   | 7     |
| Suicide and self-inflicted injuries     | —                   | —  | —     | —                 | 2   | 2     |
| All other external causes               | —                   | 1  | 1     | —                 | 1   | 1     |
| TOTAL all causes                        | 80                  | 87 | 167   | 151               | 132 | 283   |

# CAUSES OF DEATH

|                                         | FARINGTON<br>RURAL |           |            | COMBINED<br>DISTRICTS |            |            |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|
|                                         | M                  | F         | Total      | M                     | F          | Total      |
| Meningococcal infection                 | 1                  | —         | 1          | 1                     | —          | 1          |
| Syphilis and its sequelae               | —                  | —         | —          | 1                     | —          | 1          |
| Other infective and parasitic diseases  | 3                  | —         | 3          | 3                     | —          | 3          |
| Malignant neoplasm, buccal cavity, etc. | —                  | —         | —          | 2                     | 1          | 3          |
| Malignant neoplasm, oesophagus          | —                  | —         | —          | 2                     | 1          | 3          |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach             | 1                  | —         | 1          | 5                     | —          | 5          |
| Malignant neoplasm, intestine           | —                  | 2         | 2          | 3                     | 12         | 15         |
| Malignant neoplasm, larynx              | —                  | —         | —          | 1                     | —          | 1          |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus      | 2                  | 1         | 3          | 26                    | 6          | 32         |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast              | —                  | 5         | 5          | —                     | 14         | 14         |
| Malignant neoplasm, uterus              | —                  | 1         | 1          | —                     | 2          | 2          |
| Malignant neoplasm, prostate            | —                  | —         | —          | 2                     | —          | 2          |
| Leukaemia                               | —                  | 2         | 2          | —                     | 2          | 2          |
| Other malignant neoplasms               | 1                  | 5         | 6          | 15                    | 19         | 34         |
| Diabetes mellitus                       | —                  | 1         | 1          | 1                     | 3          | 4          |
| Anaemias                                | —                  | —         | —          | —                     | 2          | 2          |
| Other diseases of blood                 | —                  | —         | —          | —                     | 1          | 1          |
| Mental disorders                        | —                  | —         | —          | 2                     | —          | 2          |
| Diseases of nervous system              | —                  | 1         | 1          | 2                     | 3          | 5          |
| Chronic rheumatic heart disease         | —                  | 1         | 1          | —                     | 2          | 2          |
| Hypertensive disease                    | 1                  | 1         | 1          | 4                     | 4          | 8          |
| Ischaemic heart disease                 | 18                 | 23        | 41         | 93                    | 71         | 164        |
| Other forms of heart disease            | 2                  | 5         | 7          | 10                    | 18         | 28         |
| Cerebrovascular disease                 | 7                  | 9         | 16         | 27                    | 43         | 70         |
| Other diseases of circulatory system    | 3                  | 5         | 8          | 17                    | 22         | 39         |
| Influenza                               | 1                  | —         | 1          | 1                     | 1          | 2          |
| Pneumonia                               | 2                  | 3         | 5          | 10                    | 21         | 31         |
| Bronchitis and emphysema                | 5                  | 2         | 7          | 19                    | 6          | 25         |
| Other diseases of respiratory system    | 1                  | —         | 1          | 6                     | 2          | 8          |
| Peptic ulcer                            | —                  | 1         | 1          | 2                     | 3          | 5          |
| Intestinal obstruction and hernia       | 1                  | —         | 1          | 1                     | 1          | 2          |
| Other diseases of digestive system      | —                  | 1         | 1          | 2                     | 7          | 9          |
| Nephritis and nephrosis                 | —                  | —         | —          | 1                     | 1          | 2          |
| Other diseases, genito-urinary system   | —                  | —         | —          | 1                     | —          | 1          |
| Diseases of musculo-skeletal system     | —                  | 2         | 2          | 2                     | 4          | 6          |
| Congenital anomalies                    | 2                  | —         | 2          | 4                     | —          | 4          |
| Birth injury, difficult labour, etc.    | —                  | 1         | 1          | 3                     | 2          | 5          |
| Other causes of perinatal mortality     | 1                  | —         | 1          | 2                     | —          | 2          |
| Symptoms and ill-defined conditions     | —                  | —         | —          | 1                     | 1          | 2          |
| Motor vehicle accidents                 | —                  | —         | —          | 6                     | 4          | 10         |
| All other accidents                     | 2                  | —         | 2          | 7                     | 8          | 15         |
| Suicide and self-inflicted injuries     | 1                  | —         | 1          | 1                     | 2          | 3          |
| All other external causes               | —                  | 1         | 1          | —                     | 3          | 3          |
| <b>TOTAL all causes</b>                 | <b>55</b>          | <b>73</b> | <b>128</b> | <b>286</b>            | <b>292</b> | <b>578</b> |

# ABINGDON BOROUGH

## HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

There were no Council houses built during 1972. The Council built 583 dwellings before 1939 and 2,003 have been built since 1945, making a total of 2,586 Council dwellings. There are 1,887 dwellings available for letting purposes, the remainder having been sold.

The rent of pre-war houses, including rates, ranged from £3.45 to £4.57 with an approximate average of £4.09 per week for a 48-week year. Rents for post-war houses ranged from £3.01 for a bedsitter to £5.67 for a 4-bedroom house with an average of £4.84.

The number of applicants on the housing waiting list at 31st December, 1972, was 376; this was 16 more than at the end of 1971.

## HOUSING

|                                                                                    |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Houses which on inspection were considered unfit for human habitation.          | Nil |
| 2. Houses in which defects were remedied as a result of informal action.           | 5   |
| 3. The number of representations made to the local authority with a view to:       |     |
| (a) serving notices requesting execution of works                                  | Nil |
| (b) the making of demolition or closing orders                                     | Nil |
| 4. Informal notices requesting execution of works                                  | 3   |
| 5. Houses rendered fit after service of formal notice                              | Nil |
| 6. Number of demolition and closing orders made                                    | Nil |
| 7. The number of houses in respect of which an undertaking not to re-let was given | Nil |
| 8. Number of houses demolished                                                     | 2   |

## MEAT INSPECTION

The following table gives the details of slaughtered animals inspected and the number of carcasses, parts and offal found to be unfit for human consumption at Caldecot Farm Abattoir.

|        | No.<br>Inspected | No. found to be infected |               |                     |               | Whole carcasses |                     |
|--------|------------------|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|
|        |                  | T.B.                     | % of<br>total | Other<br>Conditions | % of<br>total | T.B.            | Other<br>Conditions |
| Cattle | 2,736            | —                        | —             | 595                 | 22            | —               | 5                   |
| Calves | 118              | —                        | —             | —                   | —             | —               | 10                  |
| Sheep  | 8,194            | —                        | —             | 135                 | 1.6           | —               | 24                  |
| Pigs   | 33,069           | 35                       | .1            | 6,430               | 20            | —               | 71                  |
| Totals | 44,117           | 35                       | .08           | 7,160               | 16            | —               | 110                 |
| 1971   | 39,314           | 121                      | —             | 8,223               | —             | 4               | 118                 |

### Analysis of Principal Causes of Condemnation of Carcasses

| Disease                              | Cattle   | Calves    | Sheep     | Pigs      | Total      |
|--------------------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Emaciation (Pathological)            | 4        | 2         | 8         | 15        | 29         |
| Moribund                             | —        | 1         | —         | 3         | 4          |
| Pyæmia including<br>Multiple Abscess | —        | 3         | 1         | 12        | 16         |
| Pyrexia                              | 1        | 1         | 1         | 1         | 4          |
| Oedema                               | —        | —         | 1         | 6         | 7          |
| Immaturity                           | —        | 1         | —         | 1         | 2          |
| Septic conditions inc.<br>Toxaemia   | —        | —         | 7         | 26        | 33         |
| Extensive Severe Bruising            | —        | 2         | 4         | —         | 6          |
| Other conditions                     | —        | —         | 2         | 7         | 9          |
| <b>Totals</b>                        | <b>5</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>71</b> | <b>110</b> |

### Meat and Offal Rejected as Unfit for Human Consumption

|                           | Tons      | cwt.      | lb.       |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Carcases ... ..           | 3         | 19        | 61        |
| Parts of Carcasses ... .. | 1         | 2         | 4         |
| Offal ... ..              | 9         | 14        | 12        |
| <b>Totals ... ..</b>      | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b> | <b>77</b> |

### UN SOUND FOOD

The following quantities of food (other than meat inspected at the Abattoir) were condemned during 1972:

|                |     |     |     |     |     |           |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Dairy Products | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil       |
| Meat           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 633 lb.   |
| Canned Meat    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 48 lb.    |
| Frozen Food    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,944 lb. |
| Fish           | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | Nil       |
| Other Items    | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 138 lb.   |

### FOOD PREMISES

The number and various types of premises subject to the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1970 are as shown below, and 86 visits were paid in connection with the Regulations.

| Category of Trade                          | Number<br>of<br>Premises | Prem<br>fitted to<br>comply<br>with<br>Reg. 18 | Prem.<br>to which<br>Reg. 21<br>applies | Prem.<br>comply-<br>ing with<br>Reg. 21 |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Grocery and Provisions                     | 19                       | 19                                             | 19                                      | 19                                      |
| Licensed Premises                          | 33                       | 32                                             | 33                                      | 33                                      |
| Catering Premises                          | 16                       | 16                                             | 16                                      | 16                                      |
| Butchers                                   | 11                       | 11                                             | 11                                      | 11                                      |
| Sale of Ice Cream                          | 26                       | 25                                             | 26                                      | 26                                      |
| Sale or manufacture of<br>Preserved Foods  | 7                        | 7                                              | 7                                       | 7                                       |
| Fish Fryers                                | 4                        | 4                                              | 4                                       | 4                                       |
| Fishmongers                                | 1                        | 1                                              | 1                                       | 1                                       |
| Milk Distributors                          | 2                        | 1                                              | 2                                       | 1                                       |
| Sausage and Other Meat<br>Products Factory | 1                        | 1                                              | 1                                       | 1                                       |
| <b>Total</b>                               | <b>120</b>               | <b>117</b>                                     | <b>120</b>                              | <b>119</b>                              |

## MILK

During the year 9 samples of milk were taken and submitted for statutory tests. The results were as follows:

|             | No. Taken | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |
|-------------|-----------|--------------|----------------|
| Pasteurised | 5         | 4            | 1              |
| Untreated   | 4         | 4            | —              |

## ICE CREAM

Three samples of ice cream were taken and submitted for examination: All three were placed in Provisional Grade I.

## IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

There was a further increase in applications for Improvement Grants during the year, 46 being approved against 30 in 1971. No applications for standard grants were received during the course of the year.

Completed improvements included:

|                  |     |                          |    |
|------------------|-----|--------------------------|----|
| Hot water system | 15  | Water closets            | 9  |
| Hand wash basins | 5   | Improvements to kitchens | 13 |
| Baths            | Nil | New bathrooms            | 22 |

## QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES Nil

## REFUSE COLLECTION

No special problems arose during the year. The amount of refuse to be collected continue to rise with the growth of the town and the increasing business activities.

The bulk bin system is proving popular and 65 bins are now in regular use.

Special collections are made from houses in the Borough when requested and increasing use is being made of the dumping area provided under the Civic Amenities Act, 1967, at Wilsham Road, not only by residents of the town for self-help building refuse and bulky household items, but by many people from the surrounding area. Increasing supervision has become necessary because of "picking" and the risk of fires.

General refuse disposal continues at Corporation Farm, and is carefully controlled in accordance with recommended standards. Clay tanking of the tipping area prevents pollution of watercourses in the area by percolate which is collected in specially constructed pits and removed by tanker for treatment at the Council's sewage works.

## SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

A close watch continues to be kept on the effluent from the the Abingdon Sewage Disposal Works to comply with the Royal Commission standard and to satisfy Thames Conservancy requirements.

The population increase necessitates steps being taken to enlarge and improve the works and the work is scheduled to commence in 1973.

## WATER SUPPLIES

The Oxfordshire and District Water Board are responsible for water supplies in the Borough. Three samples were taken during the year and submitted for bacteriological examination. All were satisfactory.

In addition, four samples of water from swimming pools were submitted for bacteriological examination:

three were satisfactory and one unsatisfactory.

## MORTUARY

There were 202 admissions to the Mortuary in 1972, 200 involving post-mortem examination. The figures for 1971 were 169 and 167 respectively.

## OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1964

|                                      | No. of New Registrations in 1972 | Total No. of Reg. Premises | No. of Persons Employed | No. of Inspections |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Offices                              | 1                                | 55                         | 418                     | 11                 |
| Retail Shops                         | 5                                | 110                        | 771                     | 12                 |
| Wholesale Shops and Warehouses       | —                                | 1                          | 3                       | —                  |
| Catering Establishments and Canteens | —                                | 12                         | 88                      | —                  |
| Fuel Storage Depots                  | —                                | 1                          | 2                       | 1                  |
| Totals                               | 6                                | 179                        | 1,282                   | 24                 |

## FACTORIES ACT, 1961

|                                    | No. | Inspections | Written Notices | Prosecutions |
|------------------------------------|-----|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Factories without mechanical power | 1   | 1           | —               | —            |
| Factories with mechanical power    | 68  | 10          | —               | —            |
| Building Sites                     | 10  | 1           | —               | —            |
| Total                              | 79  | 12          | —               | —            |

## PETROLEUM

Thirty-one installations for the storage of petroleum spirit are licensed in the Borough.

All were visited at least once during the year.

# SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS' VISITS FOR 1972

## Public Health and General Sanitation

|                                      |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| Miscellaneous .....                  | 27  |
| Refuse Collection and Disposal ..... | 150 |
| Accumulations and Deposits .....     | 8   |
| Drainage and Sewcrage .....          | 11  |
| Public Conveniences .....            | 9   |
| Offensive Trades .....               | 3   |
| Infectious Diseases .....            | 9   |
| Mortuary .....                       | 206 |
| Filthy or Verminous Premises .....   | 17  |
| Pest Destruction .....               | 11  |
| Watercourses, Ditches, etc. ....     | 1   |
| Swimming Pools .....                 | 11  |
| Litter .....                         | 5   |
| Schools .....                        | 1   |
| Caravans .....                       | 1   |
| Street Sweeping .....                | 12  |

## Clean Air Act

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| Miscellaneous .....      | 5 |
| Smoke Observations ..... | 6 |
| Installations .....      | 2 |

## Housing

|                                     |     |
|-------------------------------------|-----|
| Miscellaneous .....                 | 25  |
| Housing Inspections .....           | 9   |
| Improvement Grants .....            | 146 |
| Houses in Multiple Occupation ..... | 3   |
| Slum Clearance .....                | 3   |

## Food and Drugs

|                                 |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|
| Miscellaneous .....             | 4   |
| Meat Inspections .....          | 783 |
| Other Food Inspection .....     | 25  |
| Food Complaints .....           | 21  |
| Food Poisoning .....            | 7   |
| Bakers .....                    | 11  |
| Butchers .....                  | 30  |
| Fishmongers .....               | 2   |
| Confectioners .....             | 1   |
| Greengrocers .....              | 4   |
| Grocers .....                   | 13  |
| Ice Cream Premises .....        | 4   |
| Catering Establishments .....   | 9   |
| Licensed Premises .....         | 9   |
| Market Stalls .....             | 178 |
| Food Preparation Premises ..... | 2   |
| Slaughterhouse .....            | 22  |
| Dairies .....                   | 1   |
| Sampling Miscellaneous .....    | 1   |
| „ Milk .....                    | 22  |
| „ Ice Cream .....               | 4   |
| „ Water .....                   | 9   |
| „ Swimming Pools .....          | 3   |
| „ Dairy Cream .....             | 1   |

**Offices, Shops & Railways Act, 1963**

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Miscellaneous .....           | 10 |
| Offices .....                 | 9  |
| Shops .....                   | 22 |
| Catering Establishments ..... | 1  |
| Accidents .....               | 1  |

**Petroleum Acts**

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Miscellaneous ..... | 50 |
| Tank Testings ..... | 3  |

**Factories Act**

|                             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Miscellaneous .....         | 5  |
| Factories (Power) .....     | 10 |
| Factories (Non-Power) ..... | 1  |
| Building Sites .....        | 1  |

**Noise Abatement Act**

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Miscellaneous ..... | 7 |
|---------------------|---|

|                     |   |
|---------------------|---|
| Miscellaneous ..... | 4 |
|---------------------|---|

|               |   |
|---------------|---|
| Welfare ..... | 3 |
|---------------|---|

**Civic Amenities Act**

|                     |    |
|---------------------|----|
| Miscellaneous ..... | 31 |
| Vehicles .....      | 1  |
| Other Refuse .....  | 1  |

# ABINGDON RURAL DISTRICT

## PART 'A' HOUSING

### CONSTRUCTION

The total number of new houses completed during 1972 was 59. Fifty-two were built by private construction, 7 by the Council.

Eighty-eight were under construction at the end of the year, none of which were Council houses.

The following table shows their distribution:

| Parish                              | Council Houses |                                | Private Enterprise |                                |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                     | Completed      | Under construction<br>31.12.72 | Completed          | Under construction<br>31.12.72 |
| Appleford                           | —              | —                              | —                  | —                              |
| Appleton                            | —              | —                              | 1                  | 5                              |
| Cumnor                              | —              | —                              | 2                  | 2                              |
| Drayton                             | —              | —                              | 2                  | 1                              |
| Fyfield & Tubney                    | —              | —                              | —                  | 1                              |
| Garford & Lyford                    | —              | —                              | 1                  | 4                              |
| Kingston Bagpuize<br>with Southmoor | —              | —                              | 19                 | 10                             |
| Kennington                          | —              | —                              | 10                 | 30                             |
| Marcham                             | —              | —                              | —                  | 4                              |
| Milton                              | 7              | —                              | —                  | 2                              |
| North Hinksey                       | —              | —                              | 1                  | 2                              |
| Radley                              | —              | —                              | 8                  | 7                              |
| South Hinksey                       | —              | —                              | 1                  | 3                              |
| Steventon                           | —              | —                              | —                  | —                              |
| St. Helen Without                   | —              | —                              | —                  | 3                              |
| Sunningwell                         | —              | —                              | 3                  | 1                              |
| Sutton Courtenay                    | —              | —                              | 2                  | 7                              |
| Wootton                             | —              | —                              | 2                  | 5                              |
| Wytham                              | —              | —                              | —                  | 1                              |
| Totals                              | 7              | —                              | 52                 | 88                             |

### TEMPORARY DWELLINGS

The 16 bungalows at Tubney are still in use and continue to serve a useful purpose.

### IMPROVEMENTS

Following the surge of approvals in 1971, grant applications dropped to a level consistent with previous years. The following tables outline the situation in 1972:

Table 'A'

|                      | No. approved<br>1972 ('71) | Total No.<br>approved<br>since | Amount<br>paid<br>1972 | Total<br>amount<br>paid |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Standard Grants      | 21 (18)                    | 1959—352                       | £1,581                 | £43,698                 |
| Discretionary Grants | 26 (45)                    | 1952—460                       | £19,325                | £164,042                |

**Table 'B' (i) No. of properties modernised with aid of Discretionary Grants.**

| Parish            | Conversion | Improvements |
|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| Appleford         | —          | 1            |
| Appleton          | 2          | 3            |
| Cumnor            | —          | 2            |
| Drayton           | 1          | 1            |
| Frilford          | 1          | —            |
| Kennington        | 1          | —            |
| Kingston Bagpuize | —          | 1            |
| Mareham           | 1          | —            |
| Milton            | 1          | —            |
| North Hinksey     | 2          | 7            |
| Sutton Courtenay  | —          | 1            |
| Steventon         | 1          | 2            |
| Tubney            | —          | 1            |
| Wootton           | —          | 1            |
| <b>Totals</b>     | <b>10</b>  | <b>20</b>    |

**(ii) Amenities provided with aid of Standard Grants.**

| Parish            | Bath/<br>showers | Hot water<br>systems | L/bs.    | Sinks    | W.C.'s   |
|-------------------|------------------|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Appleford         | —                | —                    | —        | —        | 1        |
| Kennington        | —                | 1                    | —        | —        | —        |
| Kingston Bagpuize | 2                | 2                    | 1        | —        | 1        |
| North Hinksey     | 1                | 2                    | 1        | —        | 2        |
| St. Helen Without | —                | 2                    | 1        | —        | —        |
| Sutton Courtenay  | 1                | 2                    | 1        | 1        | 1        |
| Wootton           | 1                | 2                    | 2        | —        | 1        |
| <b>Totals</b>     | <b>5</b>         | <b>11</b>            | <b>6</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>6</b> |

**HOUSING ACT, 1969**

**Qualification Certificates**

|                                                          |  |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--|-----|
| <b>(a) Improvement Cases</b>                             |  |     |
| No. of applications received .....                       |  | 4   |
| No. of Certificates of provisional approval issued ..... |  | Nil |
| No. of Qualification Certificates issued .....           |  | Nil |
| <b>(b) Standard amenities already provided</b>           |  |     |
| No. of applications received .....                       |  | 8   |
| No. of Qualification Certificates issued .....           |  | 7   |

**HOUSING ACT, 1957**

|                                                                  |  |            |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--|------------|
| <b>(a) Houses represented to Local Authority with a view to:</b> |  |            |
| (i) Serving notices requiring execution of works .....           |  | Nil        |
| (ii) The making of Demolition Orders .....                       |  | Nil        |
| (iii) The making of Closing Orders .....                         |  | Nil        |
| <b>(b) Number of Closing Orders made .....</b>                   |  | <b>Nil</b> |
| <b>(c) Number of Demolition Orders made .....</b>                |  | <b>Nil</b> |
| <b>(d) Number of Demolition Orders revoked .....</b>             |  | <b>Nil</b> |
| <b>(e) Number of Closing Orders revoked .....</b>                |  | <b>2</b>   |

## CARAVANS

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

207 inspections were made during the year concerning caravan control as follows:

|                        |     |                       |    |
|------------------------|-----|-----------------------|----|
| Miscellaneous          | 9   | Exempted sites        | 7  |
| Council sites          | 38  | Unauthorised caravans | 34 |
| Private licensed sites | 119 |                       |    |

25 applications for planning permission and site licence were considered during the year. Three out of 10 new applications and 12 renewals were approved.

The distribution of caravans in the district was as follows:

### (a) Council-owned sites

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Pebble Hill Caravan Park, Radley | 100 Caravans |
| Woodland Caravan Park, Radley    | 108 Caravans |

The demand for sites on the Council's Parks remains heavy and the necessity for waiting lists continued throughout the year.

### (b) Licensed private sites

Distribution of private sites in the District was as follows:

| Parish                              | No. of sites |           | No. of caravans |           |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|
|                                     | Permanent    | Temporary | Permanent       | Temporary |
| Cumnor                              | 6            | 1         | 15              | 1         |
| Draycott Moor and Kingston Bagpuize | 2            | 1         | 10              | 1         |
| Drayton                             | —            | 3         | —               | 18        |
| Kennington                          | 2            | 1         | 2               | 1         |
| Mareham                             | —            | 1         | —               | 1         |
| Milton                              | —            | 1         | —               | 1         |
| North Hinksey                       | —            | 1         | —               | 1         |
| Radley                              | 2            | —         | 86              | —         |
| St. Helen Without                   | —            | 1         | —               | 1         |
| South Hinksey                       | 1            | —         | 1               | —         |
| Sunningwell                         | 1            | 1         | 17              | 1         |
| Steventon                           | —            | 2         | —               | 13        |
| Sutton Courtenay                    | 1            | —         | 1               | —         |
| Wootton                             | 1            | 3         | 2               | 3         |
| Totals                              | 16           | 16        | 134             | 42        |

### (c) Exempted Sites

There were 10 exempted sites in the area at the end of the year. Rigid enforcement of the Act has continued to prevent the proliferation of caravans in rear gardens, etc.

### (d) Unauthorised sites

It was necessary for 34 visits to be made under this heading to prevent the setting up of unauthorised sites. The number of itinerant caravans visiting the area continues to remain relatively small, but the few who do appear require much attention.

## PART 'B' ENVIRONMENTAL CIRCUMSTANCES

### WATER SUPPLY

#### (a) Quantity

All Parishes in the rural district are supplied with mains water, but a few shallow wells are still in use. These rarely give trouble so far as quantity of water is concerned.

The following table gives the information required concerning supplies of the two Water Boards serving the area.

#### OXFORDSHIRE AND DISTRICT WATER BOARD

| Parish                              | Total No. of Dwelling Houses | No. of Dwelling Houses supplied with mains water | No. of Dwelling Houses supplied by standpipe |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Appleton                            | 280                          | 255                                              | —                                            |
| Besselsleigh                        | 22                           | 20                                               | —                                            |
| Cumnor                              | 1397                         | 1317                                             | —                                            |
| Draycott Moor and Kingston Bagpuize | 464                          | 423                                              | —                                            |
| Frilford                            | 78                           | 64                                               | —                                            |
| Fyfield and Tubney                  | 191                          | 150                                              | —                                            |
| Garford                             | 41                           | 40                                               | —                                            |
| Kennington                          | 1272                         | 1209                                             | —                                            |
| Marcham                             | 551                          | 547                                              | —                                            |
| North Hinksey                       | 1476                         | 1476                                             | —                                            |
| Radley                              | 496                          | 450                                              | —                                            |
| St. Helen Without                   | 1104                         | 1002                                             | —                                            |
| South Hinksey                       | 114                          | 114                                              | —                                            |
| Sunningwell                         | 297                          | 277                                              | —                                            |
| Wootton                             | 877                          | 860                                              | —                                            |
| Wytham                              | 70                           | 42                                               | —                                            |
| Totals                              | 8730                         | 8246                                             | —                                            |

The Oxfordshire and District Water Board report that no restrictions of any kind took place during 1972.

#### THAMES VALLEY WATER BOARD

| Parish           | Total No. of Dwelling Houses | No. of Dwelling Houses supplied with mains water | No. of Dwelling Houses supplied by standpipe |
|------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| Appleford        | 134                          | 127                                              | —                                            |
| Drayton          | 703                          | 681                                              | 12                                           |
| Lyford           | 32                           | 32                                               | —                                            |
| Milton           | 263                          | 261                                              | 1                                            |
| Steventon        | 435                          | 420                                              | 10                                           |
| Sutton Courtenay | 782                          | 780                                              | 1                                            |
| Totals           | 2349                         | 2301                                             | 24                                           |

### (b) Quality

The quality of the mains supply continues to be highly satisfactory and the following table shows the results of all samples taken by the Department for bacteriological examination.

|                   | Highly<br>Satisfactory | Satisfactory | Suspicious | Unsatisfactory | Total |
|-------------------|------------------------|--------------|------------|----------------|-------|
| Wells             | 4                      | —            | 2          | 8              | 14    |
| Boreholes         | 6                      | —            | 1          | 1              | 8     |
| Swimming<br>Pools | 1                      | —            | —          | —              | 1     |
| Watercourses      | —                      | —            | —          | 5              | 5     |
| Mains             | 7                      | —            | —          | —              | 7     |
| Totals            | 18                     | —            | 3          | 14             | 35    |

All wells sampled are of the shallow type and the above results show that they must be regarded with suspicion. In all cases where unsatisfactory results have been obtained, occupiers have been advised to boil water intended for domestic purposes. In addition, owners are encouraged to connect to a main supply or carry out purification.

The Oxfordshire and District Water Board report that bacteriological samples were taken regularly, and in almost every case proved satisfactory.

The Thames Valley Water Board report that routine samples taken from the pumping stations, storage reservoirs and distribution system indicated that the supply was of a high standard of bacterial purity.

Fluoride determinations carried out on the water showed that less than 0.1 mgm/litre was present.

## PUBLIC CLEANSING

### (a) Refuse Collection

The kerbside system of refuse collection continued throughout 1972 and the fleet of vehicles remains the same as last year: 3–50 cu. yd. Pakamatic and 2–35 cu. yd. vehicles. In addition, a four-ton lorry is used for special collections. The labour force consists of 9 loaders, 5 drivers and a foreman.

### (b) Refuse Disposal

All refuse is disposed of on a rigidly controlled tip at Mareham. It is fairly centrally placed to serve the District and is a dry disused stone quarry. It is ideal in other respects as no dwellings are affected by the tipping operations and ample covering material is available on the site.

Two crawler loaders are used for the tip work and refuse from Wantage Rural District Council and Wantage Urban District Council is also disposed of at this tip.

### (c) Litter

Approximately 150 litter bins, which are regularly emptied, are sited throughout the District.

### (d) Civic Amenities Act, 1967

560 special collections were made during the year. These are carried out free of charge, usually following requests from householders. In addition, 6 bulk litter containers (6 cu. yd.) are sited throughout the District in locations agreed, and at the request of the appropriate Parish Council. This

facility is grossly abused, and although fulfilling a need, it undoubtedly creates many problems, not the least of which is the amount of rubbish deposited on the ground around the containers.

Abandoned or unwanted cars are disposed of on behalf of the Council, free of charge, by a local car breaker. During the year 93 cars were dealt with in this way and the arrangement is quite satisfactory.

The Contractor operates a yard at Sutton Wick on a temporary planning consent reviewed each year, and it is important that facilities are available in the area for the reception and disposal of abandoned cars.

## **SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL**

### **Appleton Sludge Pressing Plant**

Construction of the Sludge Pressing Plant at Appleton progressed throughout the year and completion with full operation of the works is programmed for mid-1973. On completion of the works, liquid sludge will be transported by tanker from the sewage disposal works at Gozzards Ford for mechanical drying. This should overcome the problem of excessive odours which emanate from these works.

### **Dry Sandford, The Field**

The length of sewer to serve 7 properties at The Field, Dry Sandford, was satisfactorily completed during the year.

### **Main Drainage of Other Areas**

Due to staff shortage it was considered that the following schemes could more quickly be prepared by the Council's Consulting Engineers, Messrs. Howard Humphreys and Son, of Epsom.

1. Chawley Lane, Cumnor Hill West and East. Total number of properties 43.
2. Rowstock. Total number of properties 26.
3. Lincombe Lane - Boars Hill. Total number of properties 41.  
Construction works programmed for Autumn 1973.
4. Besselsleigh and Garford. Total number of properties 86.  
Construction works programmed for Spring 1974.
5. Harcourt Hill, North Hinksey. Total number of properties 46.
6. Hids Copse Road, Kingston Bagpuize (part). Total number of properties 42.

On completion of the above schemes the District will be fully sewered with the exception of a few isolated properties.

## **DRAINAGE**

157 visits were made during the year, mainly in connection with unsatisfactory septic tank systems. The number of these installations is gradually decreasing with the availability of main drainage, but those that remain continue to give rise to complaint.

## **ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION AND SMOKE CONTROL**

No notifications were received under Section 3 of the Clean Air Act, 1956, for the installation of new furnaces, and there were no serious difficulties during the year concerning this aspect of work. The total number of routine visits was 47.

## **DISINFESTATIONS**

It was necessary for only 9 visits to be made by Public Health Inspectors to premises concerning complaints of vermin.

## **RODENT CONTROL**

This work continues to be carried out by a Rodent Officer and an operator engaged jointly by the R.D.C. and Abingdon Borough.

During the year 2,450 visits to premises in the District were made, of which 150 were agricultural. 570 premises were found to be infested.

## **SCRAP METAL DEALERS**

14 scrap metal dealers were registered at the end of the year.

## **ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS**

Arrangements whereby a local veterinary surgeon carries out inspections on behalf of the Council of premises used for boarding dogs and cats continues, and at the end of the year 3 licences were in force.

## **AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH & WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956**

No serious difficulties were encountered concerning sanitary conveniences on farms.

64 visits were made and it was not necessary to serve any notices.

## **DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOOD) ORDER, 1957**

Three premises are licensed under the provisions of the above Order and during the year 17 visits were made and satisfactory conditions were maintained.

## **NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960**

7 complaints of noise were received during the year, resulting in 36 visits.

Main source of nuisance were generator at traffic lights, deep freeze compressor, engineering works and revving of motor cycles.

## **PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS, 1928 & 1936**

A total of 62 premises were licensed for the storage of petroleum, all of which were visited at least once during the year.

170 inspections were made to enforce the various provisions of the above Acts and no serious difficulties occurred.

## **HAIRDRESSERS**

14 premises were registered under Section 129 of the Berkshire County Council Act, 1963, as barbers and hairdressers. In enforcing Byelaws made under the Act, 13 visits were made.

## **PART 'C' OFFICES AND SHOPS**

### **Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963**

The total number of registered premises at the end of the year was 172. The distribution of these premises was as follows:

|                     |    |                              |    |
|---------------------|----|------------------------------|----|
| Offices             | 56 | Catering establishments open |    |
| Retail shops        | 83 | to the public and canteens   | 21 |
| Wholesale shops and |    | Fuel storage depots          | 2  |
| warehouses          | 10 |                              |    |

All registered premises had received a general inspection by the end of the year and 155 general inspections were made during 1972. The total

number of visits of all kinds was 242 and 57 contraventions were noted as follows:

|                       |    |                             |    |
|-----------------------|----|-----------------------------|----|
| Temperature           | 14 | First Aid                   | 22 |
| Washing facilities    | 2  | Protection of young persons |    |
| Fencing exposed parts |    | from dangerous machinery    | 1  |
| machinery             | 1  | Other matters               | 17 |

All were dealt with informally and satisfactorily remedied. Four accidents were reported during the year.

## PART 'D' FOOD INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION

### FOOD PREMISES

The following table shows the nature of the 196 food premises in the District to which 750 inspections were made:

| Premises                           | No. | Complying<br>with<br>Reg. 16 | Reg. 19<br>applies | Complying<br>with<br>Reg. 19 |
|------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Grocery and general stores         | 54  | 54                           | 50                 | 50                           |
| Public Houses                      | 46  | 46                           | 35                 | 35                           |
| Confectionery                      | 12  | 12                           | 12                 | 12                           |
| Butchers                           | 13  | 13                           | 13                 | 13                           |
| Kitchens (schools, canteens, etc.) | 47  | 47                           | 47                 | 47                           |
| Greengrocery                       | 8   | 8                            | 8                  | 8                            |
| Bakehouses                         | 2   | 2                            | 2                  | 2                            |
| Cafés                              | 3   | 3                            | 3                  | 3                            |
| Off Licences                       | 7   | 7                            | 1                  | 1                            |
| Fishmongers                        | 2   | 2                            | 2                  | 2                            |
| Food factories                     | 1   | 1                            | 1                  | 1                            |
| Chemist                            | 1   | 1                            | —                  | 1                            |

Note: Reg. 16 relates to the provision of wash hand-basins and Reg. 19 concerns the provision of sinks, where necessary.

74 premises were registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, as follows:

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Storage and sale of ice cream | 63 |
| Manufacture of sausages       | 5  |
| Cooking of hams               | 4  |
| Others                        | 2  |

### FOOD HAWKERS

The following 21 businesses were registered under Section 122 of the Berkshire County Council Act, 1953, permitting the selling of food to be carried out within the District:

Butcher 1, Bakers 5, Ice Cream 3, Caterers 4, General Provisions 4, Potatoes 2, Fish 1, Fish and Chips 1.

**FOOD HYGIENE (MARKET STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 1966**

There are no market stalls as such within the rural district, but mobile shops and delivery vehicles were the subject of 10 inspections. Conditions generally were satisfactory.

**MILK AND DAIRIES**

The Berkshire County Council is the licensing Authority for retailers of milk and 20 premises were licensed at the end of the year. However, regard is paid to hygiene requirements of the Milk and Dairies Regulations when shops are visited for other purposes.

Bacteriological sampling is carried out by the Department, and during the year 39 samples were procured—18 from schools and 21 from dealers. All were satisfactory.

**ICE CREAM**

123 samples of ice cream were procured during the year from 60 different premises, including at least one from every premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act.

Results were as follows:

|                           |    |
|---------------------------|----|
| Provisional Grade 1 ..... | 68 |
| Provisional Grade 2 ..... | 42 |
| Provisional Grade 3 ..... | 12 |
| Provisional Grade 4 ..... | 1  |

**KNACKERS YARD**

The beagle kennels attached to a local public school are licensed under section 62 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, by virtue of the fact that dead animals are collected from farms, flayed, dressed and processed prior to feeding to the dogs. The premises were the subject of two visits and continue to be satisfactory.

**UNSOUND FOOD**

The following food was voluntarily surrendered or condemned:

|                                       | tons | ewts. | lb. |
|---------------------------------------|------|-------|-----|
| Frozen foods due to cabinet breakdown | 0    | 9     | 63  |
| Canned meat                           | 0    | 2     | 53  |
| Other canned foods                    | 2    | 14    | 91  |
| Total                                 | 3    | 6     | 95  |

All condemned and surrendered food was disposed of in the Council's refuse tip.

22 complaints of unsatisfactory food were received during the year. One complaint resulted in a Dairy being fined £30 plus £20 costs for selling a bottle of milk containing a piece of glass.

**IMPORTED FOOD REGULATIONS 1968**

Two premises in the District received unopened containers which were dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the above Regulations.

At the end of the year, 20 containers were inspected, and samples of food submitted for bacteriological examination and analysis as necessary.

## PART 'E' FACTORIES

### REGISTERED PREMISES

The total number of premises registered as factories was 66 as follows:

(i) Factories without power :

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| Joinery     | 4 |
| Dressmaking | 1 |

(ii) Factories with power :

|                                      |    |                                         |   |
|--------------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------------|---|
| Motor vehicle repairs                | 19 | Oar manufacture                         | 1 |
| Agricultural engineering             | 5  | Plastics                                | 1 |
| Light engineering                    | 4  | Waterworks                              | 1 |
| Bakehouses                           | 3  | Plant repairs                           | 1 |
| Sawmills                             | 2  | Asphalt                                 | 1 |
| Electrical engineering               | 3  | Joinery works                           | 3 |
| Laundry                              | 2  | Electrical repairs                      | 2 |
| Tyre remoulding                      | 2  | Concrete columns                        | 1 |
| Radio repairs                        | 2  | Assembly of sheet steel ducting         | 1 |
| Electrical vehicle sales and service | 1  | Refrigerator repairs                    | 2 |
| Dry Cleaners                         | 1  | Manufacture of industrial space heaters | 1 |
| Carpentry                            | 1  | Box manufacturers                       | 1 |

### BUILDING SITES, ETC.

Four building and engineering sites in the District were subject to the requirements relating to sanitary accommodation.

|                                    | No. | Inspections | Written notices | Prosecutions |
|------------------------------------|-----|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Factories without mechanical power | 5   | —           | —               | —            |
| Factories with mechanical power    | 61  | 19          | —               | —            |
| Other premises                     | 4   | 13          | —               | —            |
| Totals                             | 70  | 32          | —               | —            |

15 outworkers, all of whom are engaged in the wearing apparel industry, were subject to 7 inspections. All the premises proved to be satisfactory.

## SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTORS' WORK 1971

|                               |      |
|-------------------------------|------|
| Number of visits made .....   | 3292 |
| „ „ complaints received ..... | 56   |

Matters in relation to which visits were made:

### Housing

|                                  |     |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Housing Inspections .....        | 362 |
| Improvement Grants .....         | 253 |
| Others .....                     | 70  |
| Qualification Certificates ..... | 18  |

### Public Health

|                                                    |     |
|----------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Refuse collection .....                            | 36  |
| Refuse disposal .....                              | 94  |
| Litter .....                                       | 44  |
| Accumulations and deposits .....                   | 19  |
| Filthy premises .....                              | 34  |
| Verminous premises .....                           | 4   |
| Animals ....                                       | 2   |
| Housing defects .....                              | 6   |
| Drainage .....                                     | 85  |
| Cesspools/septic tanks .....                       | 72  |
| Sanitary accommodation at refreshment houses ..... | 41  |
| Hairdressers .....                                 | 13  |
| Swimming baths .....                               | 5   |
| Water supplies — wells .....                       | 41  |
| Water supplies—mains .....                         | 17  |
| Water courses .....                                | 63  |
| Miscellaneous .....                                | 188 |

### Caravans

|                        |     |
|------------------------|-----|
| Council sites .....    | 38  |
| Private licensed ..... | 119 |
| Exempted .....         | 7   |
| Unauthorised .....     | 34  |
| Miscellaneous .....    | 9   |

### Food and Drugs

|                                          |     |
|------------------------------------------|-----|
| Grocers .....                            | 127 |
| Kitchens (schools, canteens, etc.) ..... | 109 |
| Food complaints .....                    | 72  |
| Butchers .....                           | 41  |
| Food inspection .....                    | 29  |
| Street vendors, vans and stalls .....    | 13  |
| Bakers .....                             | 3   |
| Confectioners .....                      | 25  |
| Greengrocers .....                       | 10  |
| Licensed houses .....                    | 79  |
| Fishmongers .....                        | 4   |
| Ice Cream Premises .....                 | 135 |
| Milk retailers .....                     | 21  |
| Imported food regulations .....          | 59  |
| Knackers Yard .....                      | 2   |
| Cafés and Restaurants .....              | 12  |
| Miscellaneous .....                      | 5   |

|                                                  |     |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----|
| <b>Civic Amenities</b>                           |     |
| Abandoned cars .....                             | 280 |
| Miscellaneous .....                              | 9   |
| <b>Noise Abatement</b> .....                     | 36  |
| <b>Petroleum</b> .....                           | 170 |
| <b>Diseases of Animals (Waste Food)</b> .....    | 17  |
| <b>Prevention of Damage by Pests Act</b> .....   | 6   |
| <b>Offices and Shops</b>                         |     |
| Retail shops .....                               | 122 |
| Offices .....                                    | 53  |
| Catering establishments open to the public ..... | 29  |
| Wholesale shops and warehouses .....             | 28  |
| Accidents .....                                  | 3   |
| Miscellaneous .....                              | 3   |
| <b>Factories</b>                                 |     |
| Factories and workshops .....                    | 16  |
| Outworkers .....                                 | 7   |
| Laundries .....                                  | 4   |
| Bakehouses .....                                 | 5   |
| <b>Air Pollution</b>                             |     |
| Miscellaneous .....                              | 33  |
| Smoke observations .....                         | 10  |
| Installations .....                              | 4   |
| <b>Farms (Sanitary Accommodation)</b> .....      | 64  |
| <b>Samples</b>                                   |     |
| Ice Cream .....                                  | 119 |
| Water — wells .....                              | 16  |
| mains .....                                      | 5   |
| swimming bath .....                              | 1   |
| Milk .....                                       | 36  |
| Miscellaneous .....                              | 7   |

# FARINGDON RURAL DISTRICT

| Parish               | Area in Acres | Total Dwellings | Council Houses |
|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Ashbury              | 5609          | 187             | 44             |
| Baulking             | 1580          | 39              | —              |
| Bourton              | 1260          | 90              | 12             |
| Buckland             | 4505          | 193             | —              |
| Buscot               | 2887          | 72              | —              |
| Charney Bassett      | 1209          | 94              | —              |
| Coleshill            | 2014          | 74              | —              |
| Compton Beauchamp    | 1812          | 38              | —              |
| Eaton Hastings       | 1570          | 36              | —              |
| Faringdon            | 3547          | 1299            | 400            |
| Fernham              | 1016          | 65              | 20             |
| Great Coxwell        | 1435          | 113             | 12             |
| Hatford              | 993           | 34              | —              |
| Hinton Waldrist      | 2016          | 98              | 23             |
| Kingston Lisle       | 2040          | 79              | 12             |
| Little Coxwell       | 887           | 71              | —              |
| Littleworth          | 2350          | 79              | —              |
| Longcot              | 1894          | 148 (a)         | 34             |
| Longworth            | 2291          | 246             | 56             |
| Pusey                | 1040          | 32              | —              |
| Shellingford         | 1761          | 68              | 2              |
| Shrivenham           | 2695          | 714 (b)         | 97             |
| Stanford-in-the Vale | 2927          | 487             | 96             |
| Watchfield           | 1517          | 508 (c)         | 70             |
| Woolstone            | 1942          | 50              | —              |
| Totals               | 55726         | 5154            | 966            |

(a) Includes 11 Military Quarters

(b) Includes 82 Military Quarters

(c) Includes 347 Military Quarters

## RENTS

Maximum rents are based on the gross value for rating purposes, and are now calculated on a 50-week basis.

They range in the case of pre-war houses from £2·70p to £2·84p and for post-war houses from £2·90p to £4·73p. Under the provisions of the Housing Finance Act, 1972, a low-income tenant could have the whole of his rent rebated.

Rents for the 22 flats in the Council's aged persons amenity block is £3·93p inclusive of central heating, hot water and rates. There is a resident warden and residents have the use of certain communal facilities.

## HOUSING CONSTRUCTION

New houses completed during the year numbered 42, all of which were private enterprise.

A further 187 properties were under construction as at 31.12.72, 104 private enterprise and 83 Council properties.

The distribution of the private houses are shown by the following table:

| Parish               | Private Enterprise |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                      | Completed 31.12.72 | Under Construction |
| Watchfield           | —                  | 4                  |
| Hatford              | —                  | 2                  |
| Ashbury              | 4                  | 3                  |
| Kingston Lisle       | —                  | 2                  |
| Faringdon            | 24                 | 70                 |
| Great Coxwell        | 1                  | 1                  |
| Longcot              | 3                  | 5                  |
| Longworth            | 1                  | —                  |
| Shrivenham           | 3                  | 2                  |
| Stanford-in-the-Vale | —                  | 1                  |
| Uffington            | 1                  | 2                  |
| Buckland             | 1                  | 2                  |
| Woolstone            | 3                  | 1                  |
| Hinton Waldrist      | 1                  | 7                  |
| Charney Bassett      | —                  | 1                  |
| Buscot               | —                  | 1                  |
| Totals               | 42                 | 104                |
| Totals for 1971      | 38                 | 39                 |

## HOUSING

|                                         |     |
|-----------------------------------------|-----|
| Houses inspected under the Housing Acts | 4   |
| Number of Closing Orders made           | Nil |
| Number of Closing Orders determined     | Nil |
| Number of Demolition Orders             | Nil |

## IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Thirty-four applications for Improvement Grants under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958, were approved by the Council. Altogether, work under the Scheme was completed to twenty-two properties during the year.

Twenty-one applications for Standard Grants were approved by the Council, and altogether work was completed to eleven properties during the year.

## CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1969

One site for 40 caravans and five individual caravans were licensed during the year. The table below shows the distribution.

| Parish               | Sites | Caravans |
|----------------------|-------|----------|
| Shellingford         | 1     | 1        |
| Stanford-in-the-Vale | 1     | 1        |
| Longworth            | 1     | 1        |
| Faringdon            | 1     | 40       |
| Faringdon            | 1     | 1        |
| Uffington            | 1     | 1        |

## REFUSE COLLECTION

The refuse collection service was maintained throughout the year and is weekly throughout the district and from the kerb-side.

A special trade waste collection is carried out for which a charge is made. Bulky items of household refuse are collected free of charge on notification.

Disposal is by tipping at Stanford-in-the-Vale, which facilities are shared by Wantage Rural District Council, who use the site to dispose of part of their refuse. Mechanical plant is used for levelling and covering, one man being employed full-time.

The labour force on collection consists of four drivers and three loaders. One 35 cu. yd. and one 38 cu. yd. Pakamatics are in regular use with one 35 cu. yd. Pakamatic vehicle as a spare.

No problems were experienced during the year in the disposal of abandoned cars. Very few are reported, and these were removed by arrangement with a local scrap dealer without cost.

## WATER SUPPLY

The Oxfordshire and District Water Board supply water throughout the area excepting the parish of Kingston Lisle, which is supplied by the Thames Valley Water Board. The quantity and quality was satisfactory during the year and routine sampling is carried out by the Water Authority.

### DETAILS OF DWELLINGS RECEIVING WATER FROM PIPED SUPPLIES EITHER PUBLIC OR OTHER SOURCE

| Parish               | Dwellings | Inside the House | Standpipes |
|----------------------|-----------|------------------|------------|
| Ashbury              | 187       | 187              | —          |
| Baulking             | 39        | 39               | —          |
| Bourton              | 90        | 89               | 1          |
| Buckland             | 193       | 193              | —          |
| Buscot               | 72        | 72               | —          |
| Charney Bassett      | 94        | 94               | —          |
| Coleshill            | 74        | 74               | —          |
| Compton Beauchamp    | 38        | 38               | —          |
| Eaton Eastings       | 36        | 36               | —          |
| Faringdon            | 1299      | 1298             | 1          |
| Fernham              | 65        | 64               | 1          |
| Great Coxwell        | 113       | 113              | —          |
| Hatford              | 34        | 34               | —          |
| Hinton Waldrist      | 98        | 98               | —          |
| Kingston Lisle       | 79        | 79               | —          |
| Little Coxwell       | 71        | 70               | 1          |
| Littleworth          | 79        | 79               | —          |
| Longcot              | 148 (a)   | 148 (a)          | —          |
| Longworth            | 246       | 246              | —          |
| Pusey                | 32        | 31               | 1          |
| Shellingford         | 68        | 68               | —          |
| Shrivenham           | 714 (b)   | 714              | —          |
| Stanford-in-the-Vale | 487       | 486              | 1          |
| Uffington            | 240       | 240              | —          |
| Watchfield           | 508 (c)   | 508              | —          |
| Woolstone            | 50        | 50               | —          |
| Totals               | 5154      | 5148             | 6          |

(a) Includes 11 Military Quarters

(b) Includes 82 Military Quarters

(c) Includes 347 Military Quarters

**DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE**

During the year work was completed on the construction of the Shellingford Sewerage Scheme and work commenced on the Hatford Sewerage Scheme, which involved the pumping of sewerage to the Stanford sewage disposal works.

Design work continued on the Shrivenham Sewerage Scheme, Phase (1) and also on the renewal of the sewers at Uffington.

**RODENT CONTROL**

Rodent Control is part of the duties of the Council's Chargehand.

A free service is provided for all domestic properties and business premises are treated on repayment.

No problems were experienced during the year and Warfarin is the main poison used and produces satisfactory results.

Alphachloralose is proving successful for dealing with certain mouse infestation.

**MEAT**

The only slaughterhouse in the district is in Faringdon, and this has continued to operate during the year. It supplies local retail trade.

The following is a list of carcasses inspected and meat found to be unfit for human consumption:

|                                                                  | Steers and<br>Heifers                      | Calves | Sheep and<br>Lambs |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| No. Inspected                                                    | 436                                        | 1      | 431                |
| All diseases except T.B. Whole carcasses condemned               | —                                          | —      | —                  |
| Carcasses of which some part was condemned                       | 91                                         | —      | 31                 |
| Percentage of the number inspected with diseases other than T.B. | 20.9                                       | —      | 5.8                |
| Tuberculosis only                                                | No meat was found to be infected with T.B. |        |                    |

**OTHER FOODS**

During the year the following foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered after examination had shown them to be unfit for human consumption.

- 249 lb. of Frozen Food (due to frcezer breakdown)
- 38½ lb. of Fresh Fit
- 306 lb. of Fresh Meat

**MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS**

There is one dairy and eight distributors registered in the district and all licences issued under the Milk (Special Designation Regulations) are the responsibility of the Berkshre County Council.

## FOOD PREMISES

The number of food premises in the district is set out in the following table. Conditions generally were found to be satisfactory.

| Category of Trade          | Number or Premises | Number of Premises fitted to comply with Reg. 16 | Number of premises to which Reg. 19 applies | Number of premises fitted to comply with Reg. 19 |
|----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Licensed Premises          | 47                 | 47                                               | 42                                          | 42                                               |
| Grocers and General Stores | 41                 | 41                                               | 39                                          | 39                                               |
| Butchers                   | 6                  | 6                                                | 6                                           | 6                                                |
| Confectioners              | 7                  | 7                                                | —                                           | —                                                |
| Cafés                      | 5                  | 5                                                | 5                                           | 5                                                |
| Bakehouses                 | 3                  | 3                                                | 3                                           | 3                                                |
| Greengrocers               | 2                  | 2                                                | 2                                           | 2                                                |
| Fish-frying Establishments | 3                  | 3                                                | 3                                           | 3                                                |
| Fishmongers                | 1                  | 1                                                | 1                                           | 1                                                |

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, SECTION 16

Forty-seven premises are registered for the sale of Ice Cream and one for the manufacture and sale thereof.

Two premises are registered for the cooking of hams.

## FACTORIES ACT, 1961

| Premises                           | No. on Register | Inspection made | No. of written Notices | Prosecutions |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|--------------|
| Factories without mechanical power | 1               | —               | —                      | —            |
| Factories with mechanical power    | 41              | 20              | —                      | —            |
|                                    | 42              | 20              | —                      | —            |

Cases in which defects were found: Two.

One outworker was notified during the year.

## SUMMARY OF HEALTH INSPECTOR'S WORK DURING 1972

|                                                               |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Number of Visits made .....                                   | 987 |
| ,,   ,, Complaints received .....                             | 186 |
| ,,   ,, Notices served (Statutory) .....                      | Nil |
| ,,   ,, Prosecutions .....                                    | Nil |
| Miscellaneous matters in relation to which visits were made : |     |
| Council house applications .....                              | 241 |
| Refuse disposal .....                                         | 62  |
| Refuse collection .....                                       | 132 |
| Slaughterhouse (Meat Inspection) .....                        | 103 |
| Petroleum Storage .....                                       | 50  |
| Butchers' Shops .....                                         | 12  |
| Cafés and Inns .....                                          | 20  |
| Other Food Premises .....                                     | 54  |
| Shops other than Food .....                                   | 30  |
| Offices .....                                                 | 8   |
| Caravans .....                                                | 12  |
| Water Supplies .....                                          | 32  |
| Improvement Grants .....                                      | 31  |
| Rodent Control .....                                          | 10  |
| Factories and Workplaces .....                                | 20  |
| Milk Supplies .....                                           | 10  |
| Water Courses .....                                           | 4   |
| Schools .....                                                 | 24  |
| Water Samples ... ..                                          | 12  |
| Housing Act .....                                             | 8   |
| Nuisances .....                                               | 29  |
| Swimming Baths .....                                          | 6   |
| Food Stalls and Vehicles .....                                | 8   |
| Bakehouses .....                                              | 2   |
| Dairies .....                                                 | 3   |
| Miscellaneous Visits .....                                    | 64  |





